



## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

### Pollinator Week

**WHEREAS**, pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

**WHEREAS**, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

**WHEREAS**, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and


**WHEREAS**, the State of Rhode Island has managed wildlife habitats, public lands, forests and grasslands for decades; and


**WHEREAS**, the State of Rhode Island provides conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim June 18-24, 2012 Pollinator Week in Rhode Island and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State